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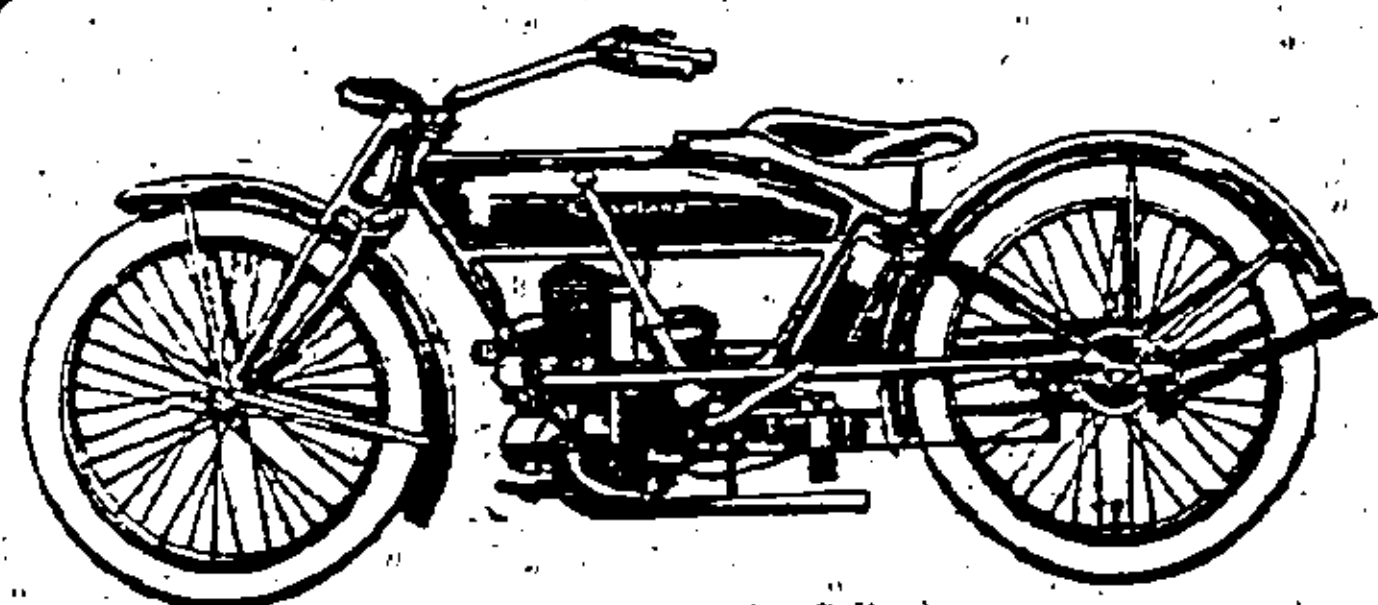
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

FARROW'S BANK COLLAPSE.

LONDON, December 23d.
Mr. Thomas Farrow, chairman of Farrow's Bank, was arrested at midnight at his residence in St. Leonard's, and conveyed to London to the police station in his own motor-car. Mr. Croft's bail has been reduced to £50,000.

LONDON, December 22d.
Mr. Farrow appeared at the Mansion House Court and asked to see a doctor as he said he had been meeting imaginary people on the stairs. The case for the prosecution was formally opened. Mr. Farrow was remanded on £25,000 bail, and another. Mr. Hart's bail has been reduced to £4,000.

RACE RIOT IN BROOME.

MELBOURNE, December 21st.
Serious riots have taken place at Broome owing to racial antipathy between Japanese and Malays. One thousand Japanese searched the town for Malays. Two Japanese were killed and three Malays were seriously injured. The authorities had to read the Riot Act.

PERTH (W. Australia), December 22d.
The situation in Broome is now in hand. Leading Japanese business have apologized and offered to do all in their power to restore order. The Japanese rioters and the Malayan pearl-fishers have been segregated in different camps. Whites are patrolling the town.

BURIAL OF BRITISH SAILORS.

THE HAGUE, December 22d.
Corpses of British sailors washed ashore on the coast of Holland in wartime have been buried at Noordwijk and 'Graveyard'. The British Minister and a representative of the Dutch Minister of the Navy attended both the ceremonies.

BIG FIRM'S FAILURE.

NEW YORK, December 22d.
The failure is announced on the Stock Exchange of Messrs. Frim, Foster and Lounsbury, who had been actively dealing in Vanadium Steels, one of the stocks involved in the slump. The failure is regarded as one of the most important of recent years.

VILNA PLEBISCITE.

THE HAGUE, December 22d.
The Foreign Minister has introduced a Bill authorizing the despatch of a Dutch military contingent to Vilna as part of the international corps commanded by the French Colonel Chardier, which will occupy the region during the plebiscite to decide the fate of the territory.

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE.

BUENOS AIRES, December 22d.
Four hundred persons were killed in the earthquake in Mendoza. Several villages have been destroyed.

PETROL CONCESSION.

BUDAPEST, December 22d.
The National Assembly has passed a Bill granting a concession to an Anglo-Hungarian Syndicate to explore petrol and bitumen deposits.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

SYDNEY, December 14th. (1)
England, 281 runs; Australia, 281 runs. Australia won the match by 377.
[There is some confusion in the dates of telegrams relating to the First Test Match, but it appears that Australia went in to bat first and compiled 351 runs. England replied with 120. Australia made 281 runs in the second innings. England scored 281 in the second innings, thus losing the match, as stated in the above telegram, by 377 runs.]

PIUME ULTIMATUM.

ROME, December 22d.
Signor D'Annunzio has replied to General Cavaglio's ultimatum that he does not recognize the Treaty of Rapallo, and that he has decided to resist. General Cavaglio, accordingly, has ordered a strict land and sea blockade of Fiume, which will be absolutely isolated and cut off from all relief.

RHONDA COAL-FIELD STRIKE.

LONDON, December 22d.
A general strike has been declared in the Rhonda coal-field, owing to eleven men not being reinstated after dismissal. Fifty thousand workers are affected.

WORLD DEARMOUNT.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Crooks (Republican) introduced a resolution authorizing President Wilson to invite all nations to send delegates to the international convention in Washington to consider means of securing world disarmament.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the best-selling cough medicine in the world to-day because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It cures coughs and croup, whooping cough, and all other coughs, and it is safe for all children and the elderly.

CIRCUS TO-MORROW.

OPENING AT KING YUEN GARDENS.

PROGRAMME OF ATTRACTIONS.

Christmas Day and a circus all in one! If that isn't enough to make every child in the Colony turn somersaults in sheer delight, then what is?

To-morrow is to be a double-barrelled big day for the youngsters—and for that matter, for the grown-ups, too. (There never was a properly constituted grown-up who didn't love a circus.) Boston's Royal Italian Circus, originally advertised to open in Kowloon next Monday, has moved the date ahead a couple of days. It will open to-morrow, Christmas Day, and instead of Kowloon, will appear at King Yuen Gardens, North Point.

There will be a roving programme of attractions, with new acts, new artists, and new animals, in two shows daily, at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. Preceding each performance, at 4.30 p.m. and 8.45 p.m., there will be a free outside attraction that is guaranteed to give spectators a thrill. This is the sensational Slide Of Life, performed 80 feet in the air.

The big show brings many new performers to Hongkong, all of them top-notchers in their specialties. Among them are The Flying Aikens, with the reputation of being the premier flying act of Europe, in a thrilling and daring performance in the air; the Flattery Trio, in a trapeze act of remarkable skill; Signor Massimo, the great Continental Jockey; Mlle Stella, with her troupe of expert performers; the Three Brothers Nelson, in a Roman Ring Act; Mlle Nina and James Valence, classical dancers; Spuds and Susie, comedy jugglers, in their latest Act of "Jazz Juggling"; Mlle Berisco, a graceful equestrienne; and Christini, the popular musical clown.

Then there are the old favorites whose return to Hongkong is anticipated eagerly by all circus-lovers. Mexico, the Cuban Wonder, more than ever "on the wire"; Spuds, a new partner and new eccentricities; Mlle Lorenz, of trapeze fame; Giro's Anglo-Chinese troupe in new creations; and Signors Francesco Truffelli, Giovanni Truffelli, and Marco Lussardi, with their remarkable trained animals.

All in all, it promises a programme filled with entertainment, and should attract large patronage.

ON XMAS TOYS.

"This way to the Xmas Bazaar!" What memories of Home and Xmas shopping do these words recall.

Hamley's, Gamages', Harrods', Selfridge's and hundreds of other places where one may stroll for hours, admiring duffy animals and "Cuddly" dolls, winding up the mechanical toys and having a thoroughly good time, with understanding attendants near at hand ready to come forward if one shows signs of being unable to part with any particular toy.

It is not really the children who appreciate the Xmas toys.

Give an ordinary child a few old boxes or tins or a packet of cards and he is perfectly happy. Give him (or rather let him take without any interference) the bottom of a hat stand for a box, and he will spend blissful hours rowing to Shanghai or England or whatever place at that moment takes his fancy.

Of course he enjoys new toys, but he only has a transitory affection for them.

On the other hand note the forethought of a parent buying Xmas toys.

John is really old enough now for "Mechano," his fond parent will remark, gazing admiringly at the various pieces and models of this most delightful of all mechanical toys. One has an instantaneous picture of John's F.P. spending Saturday afternoon in the nursery with the Mechano which John, once it has been bought for him, has been found still too young to tackle.

What a lovely humming toy! I really must get that for Mary," says her mother, though Mary, aged two and a bit, cannot possibly manipulate it herself.

And then the bricks. Of course the babies must have bricks, lots of them, and naturally the parents must show them how to build. But whatever the babies do they must keep out of the way until Daddy or Mother have added the last brick to the huge tower which tiny fingers are itching to knock down!

Take the children round the toy shops at Xmas time and though they will enjoy it immensely, I think you will find that the grown-ups are the proper babies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A GREETING FROM ST. DUNSTON'S.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—This is the Season of Greetings and Gifts. May I send to your readers Greetings and ask them to send to me Gifts?

These Greetings will, I hope, give real pleasure. They convey the gratitude of the soldiers blinded in the War for the sympathy and help which has come to them from all parts of the World. They carry the news that all we hoped for from the training given at St. Dunstan's is being justified by these blinded men in the very wonderful success that they are making of their lives.

I do not think that anyone would say it gets easier to be bravely blind as the years go on. It becomes easier to do things in the dark, but the demand on the will to keep pace with normal life grows greater rather than lessens. Constant effort is extraordinarily exacting, and it is really splendid how the men meet this demand on themselves, keep up their interest in everything and maintain their notable record as workers; some in offices, some practising as masseurs, some as poultry-farmers, and others as expert craftsmen.

There are still more than five hundred men learning to be blind in our classrooms and workshops.

Besides those actually blinded on the battlefields, 23,000 men were discharged from the Army with seriously damaged sight, and, unfortunately, many of these are finding it necessary to come to St. Dunstan's. We are dealing, too, with a number of men whose health does not enable them to make such quick progress as others. At the same time it becomes increasingly difficult to find for the men who are ready to start on their new life suitable homes; there is the universal shortage of houses and a great scarcity of such small properties as the poultry-farmers need. Thus the difficulty and expense of settling the men has increased while we have to face enormously multiplied costs in providing for those who are our guests, in maintaining our convalescent and holiday homes, and in carrying on the ever-increasingly important work of the After-Care of the blinded soldiers.

We have also now to meet the expense of moving our headquarters—the offices for the organisation required to look after nearly 2,000 men, and also the classrooms and workshops. The House with its beautiful grounds so generously lent by Mr. Otto Kahn as a Hostel is no longer available; fortunately, however, we have been able to find for our new quarters another house in Regent's Park—a place which for several generations has been the London Home of the Marquesses of Bute. The interior has been adapted for offices, and in the gardens the classrooms and workshops have been re-erected. The place is near the Lake, on which the blinded soldiers have taken so much pleasure in rowing, and both from the point of view of fresh air and of opportunities for unimpeded exercise the situation is ideal.

This starting again in the creation of a new training centre for the blinded soldiers has, however, been no small matter, and it adds to the reasons already referred to which prompt this appeal for the generous help of your readers.

The blinded soldiers have created a magnificent record of the plans for helping them back to normal life have worked out better, I think, than anyone dreamed would be possible. I think, too, there is no one who realises what the gift of sight means, and what blindness must mean, who would not wish to help on this work which St. Dunstan's has undertaken. I trust that any of your readers who are so generous as to respond to this appeal will forward their contributions to me at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1. Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR PARSONS,

Chairman—Blinded Soldiers

and Sailors' Care Committee.

November 18, 1920.

A successful whist drive was held last evening at the Catholic Men's Club. There was a good attendance, and the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were, as usual, excellent. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies: 1st, Miss Fife, 171; 2nd, Mrs. Reynolds, 171; 3rd, Mrs. Prickett, 168; 4th, Mrs. Prickett, 142; 5th, Mrs. Prickett, 142; 6th, Mrs. Prickett, 142; 7th, Mrs. Prickett, 142; 8th, Mrs. Prickett, 142; 9th, Mrs. Prickett, 142; 10th, Mrs. Prickett, 142. Gentlemen: 1st, Mr. Murphy, 185; 2nd, Mr. Jarvis, 177; 3rd, Mr. Sampson, 171; 4th, Mr. Osborne, 174; 5th, Mr. Prickett, 174; 6th, Mr. Prickett, 174; 7th, Mr. Prickett, 174; 8th, Mr. Prickett, 174; 9th, Mr. Prickett, 174; 10th, Mr. Prickett, 174. Mr. R. Spence performed the duties of M.C., and the prizes were presented by Mr. R. W. Brown.

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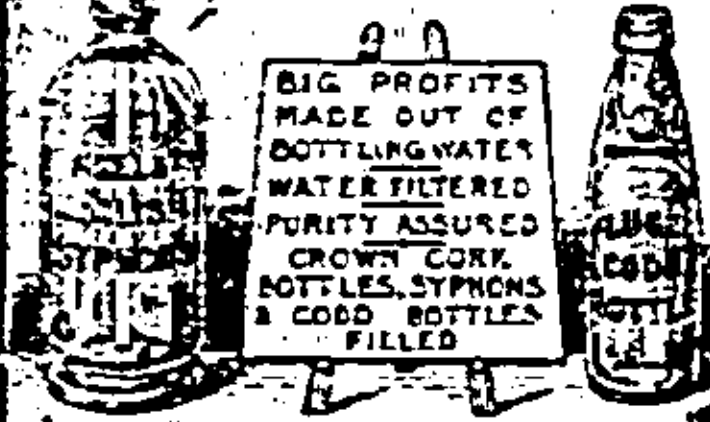
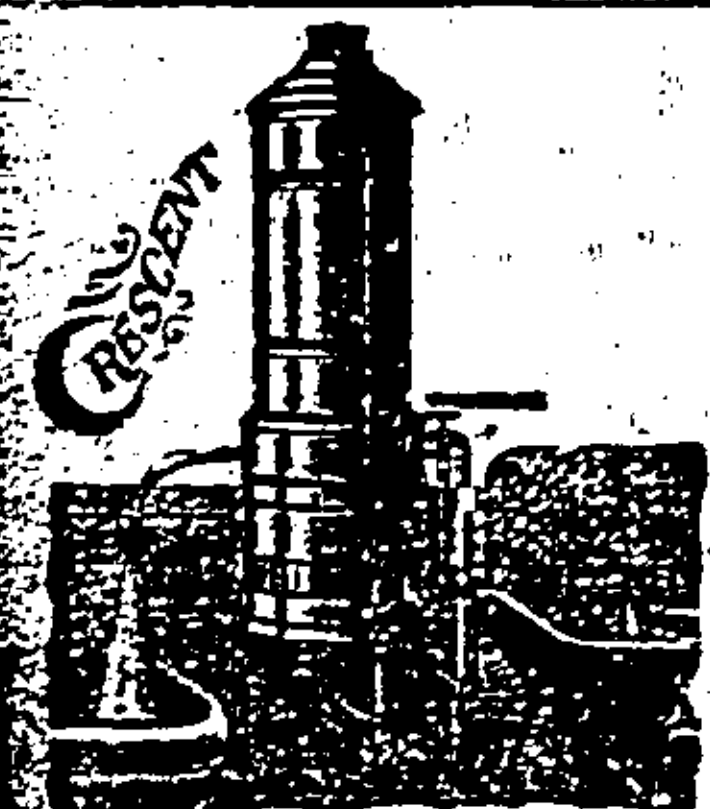
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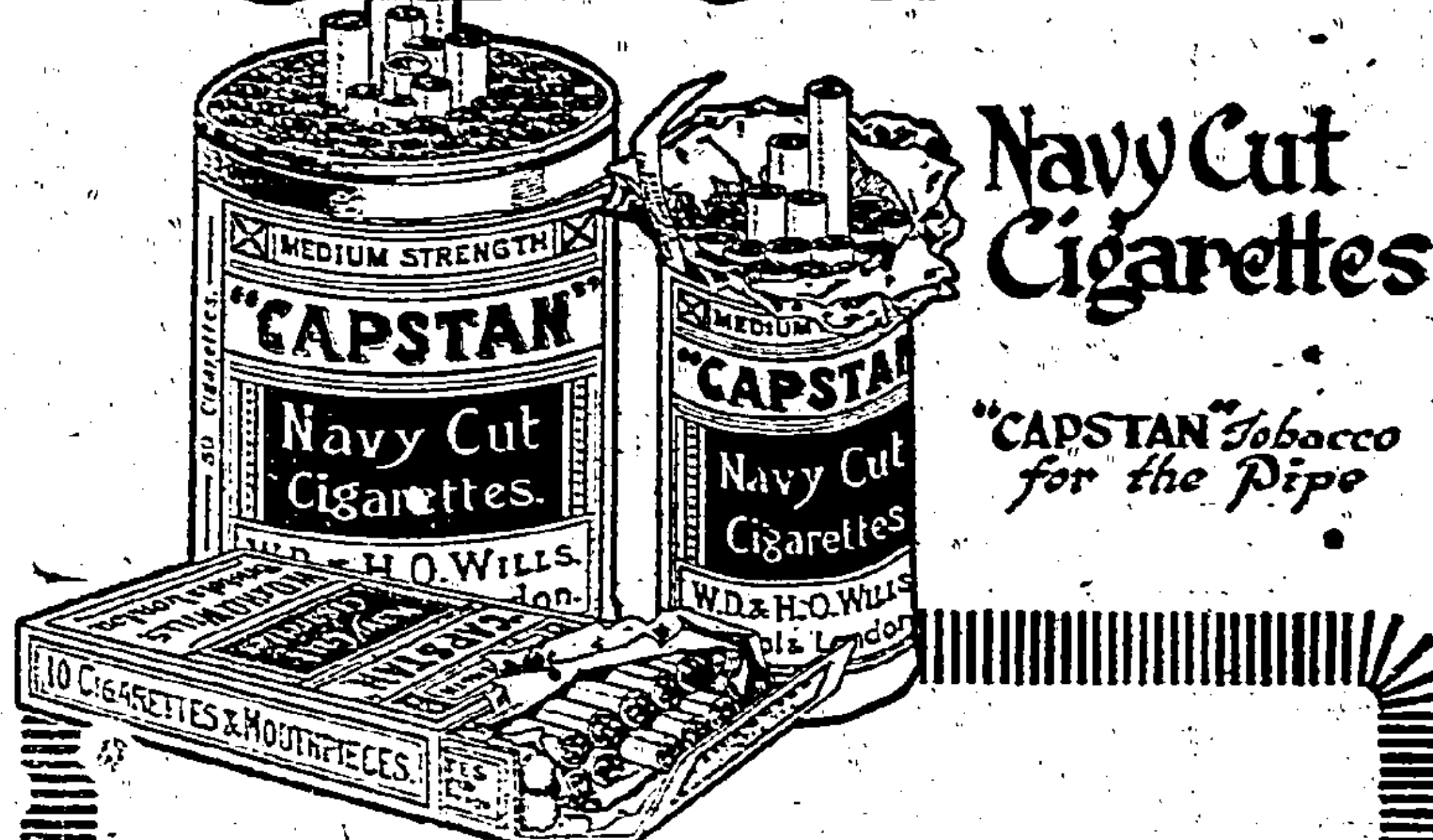
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London, November 11.—It did not
seem an unknown warrior whose
body came on the gun carriage down
Whitehall where we were waiting
for him. He was known to us all. It
was one of "our boys," not warriors,
as we called them in the days of
darkness, lit by faith.To some women, weeping a little
in the crowd after an all-night vigil,
he was their boy who went missing one
day and was never found till now,
though their souls went searching
him through dreadful places in the
night.To many men among those packed
densely on each side of the empty
street wearing ribbons and badge
on civil clothes, he was a familiar
figure—one of their comrades, the
one they liked best, perhaps, in the
old crowd, who went into the fields
of death and stayed there with the
great companionship.It was the steel helmet, the old
"tin hat," lying there on the crimson
of the flag which revealed him in-
stantly, not as a mythical warrior
aloof from common humanity, a
shadowy type of the national pride
and martial glory, but as one of those
fellows, dressed in the drab of khaki,
stained by mud and grease, who went
into the dirty ditches with this steel
hat on his head and in his heart the
unspoken things, which made him
one of us in courage and in fear, full
of some kind of faith not clear, full
of perplexities, often dim in the watch-
words of those years of war.So it seemed to me, at least, as I
looked down Whitehall and listened
to the music which told us that the
unknown was coming down the road.
The band was playing the old "Dead
March in F" with heavy drum-
ming, but as yet the roadway was
clear where it led up to that altar
of sacrifice as it looked, covered by
two flags, hanging in long folds of
scarlet and white.About that altar cenotaph there
were little groups of strange people,
all waiting for the dead soldier.
Why were they there?**THE GREAT AWAIT HIM.**There were great folk to greet the
dust of a simple soldier.—There was
the Archbishop of Canterbury and
the Bishop of London and other
clergy in gown and hood. What
had they to do with the body of
a soldier who had gone trudging
through the mud and much like one
ant in a legion of ants, unknown to
fame, not more heroic, perhaps, than
all his pals about him, not missed
much when he fell dead between the
tangled wire and the shell holes?There were great Generals and
Admirals, Lord Haig himself, Com-
mander in Chief of our armies in
France, and Admiral Beatty, whoheld the seas; Lord French of Ypres,
with Home of the First Army and
Byng of the Third, and Air Marshal
Trenchard, who commanded all the
birds that flew above the lines on the
mornings of enormous battle.These were the high powers, infi-
nitely remote, perhaps, in the imagina-
tion of the man whose dust was now
being brought toward them. It was
their brains that had directed his
movements down the long roads
which galled his feet, over ground
churned up by gunfire, up duck
boards from which he slipped under
his heavy pack if he were a foot
slogger, and whatever his class as a
soldier ordained at last the end of
his journey, which finished in a grave
marked by a metal disk—"un-
known."In life, he had looked upon these
Generals as terrifying in their power
"for the likes of him." Sometimes,
perhaps, he had saluted them as they
rode past. Now they stood in
Whitehall to salute him, to keep
silence in his presence, to render him
homage, more wonderful, with
deeper reverence than any General
of them all has had.There were Princes there about
the cenotaph, not only of England
but of the Indian Empire. These
Indian rajahs, that old white-bearded,
white turbaned man with the face of
an Eastern prophet—was it possible
that they, too, were out to pay homa-
ge to an unknown British soldier?There was something of the light of
Flanders in whitehall. The tattered
ruins of Cloth Hall at Ypres used to
shine white. A mist, suffused by
a little by sun light, white as the
walls and turrets of the War Office
in this mist of London. The tower
of Big Ben was dim through the mist
like the tower of Albert Church until
it fell into a heap under the fury of
gunfire.Presently the sun shone brighter
so that the picture of Whitehall was
etched with deeper lines. On all the
buildings flags were flying at half
mast. The people who kept moving
about the cenotaph were there for
mourning, not for mere pageantry.
The Grenadier officers, who walked
about with drawn swords, wore crepe
on their arms. Presently they passed
the word along, "Reverse arms,"
and all along the line of route soldiers
turned over their rifles and bent their
heads over their butts. It was when
the music of the Dead March came
louder up the street.**THE KING STANDS ALONE.**A number of black figures stood
in a separate group apart from the
Admirals and Generals, people of
importance to whom the eyes of the
crowd turned while men and women
hipped to get a glimpse of them.The Prime Minister and Ministers
and ex-Ministers of England were
there—Asquith, Lord Carson and
other statesmen who in those years of
conflict were responsible for all the
mighty effort of the nation, who
stirred up its passion and emotions,
who organized its labour and service.who won that victory and this peace.
I thought the people about me stared
at them as though conscious of the
task that is their's, now that peace is
the test of victory.But it was one figure who stood
alone as the symbol of the nation in
this tribute to the spirit of our dead.
As Big Ben struck three-quarters
after ten the King advanced toward
the cenotaph, followed by the Prince
of Wales, the Prince's two brothers,
and the Duke of Connaught. And
while the others stood in line looking
toward the top of Whitehall the King
was a few paces ahead of them alone
waiting motionless for the body of
the unknown warrior who had died
in his service.**CROWD STILLED BY EMOTION.**It was very silent in Whitehall.
Before the ordered silence the dense
lines of people had kept their places
without movement and only spoke
little in their long time of waiting,
and then as they caught their first
glimpse of the gun-carriage were
utterly quiet, all heads were bared
and bent. Their emotion was as
though a little cold breeze were pass-
ing. One seemed to feel the spirit of
the crowd. Above all this mass of
plain people something touched
one, with a sharp, yet softening
thought.The massed bands passed with
their noble music and their drums
thumping at the hearts of men and
women. Guards with their reversed
arms passed and then the gun car-
riage with its team of horses halted
in front of the cenotaph where the
King stood, and every hand was
raised to salute the soldier who died
that we might live, chosen by fate for
this honour which is in remembrance
of that great army of comrades who
went out with him to no man's land.The king laid a wreath on this
coffin and then stepped back again.
Crowded behind the gun carriage
in one long vista was an immense
column of men of all branches of the
navy and army moving up, slowly
before coming to a halt, and behind
again other men in civilian clothes,
and everywhere among them and
above them flowers in the form of
wreaths and crosses.Then all was still, and the picture
was complete framing in that coffin
where the steel hat and the King's
sword lay upon the flag which draped
it. The soul of the nation at its
best, purified at this moment by this
emotion, was there in silence about
the dust of that unknown.Guns were being fired somewhere
in the distance. They were not loud,
but like the distant thumping of
guns on a misty day in Flanders
when there was "nothing to report,"
though on such a day, perhaps, this
man had died.Presently there was a tap of wait-
ing—the cry of a banisher. It was
a siren giving the warning of silence
in some place by the river.

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THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

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First Floor.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
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therein contained.

Comprising:—
Teakwood Bedroom Suite (Twin Bed)
and as new, Trundle Sewing Machine
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Sofa and Arm-chairs, Sideboard, Dining
Table, Chairs, etc., Pantry and Kitchen
Utensils.

Also
Sunblinds, Enamelled Bath and
Electric Fittings.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, December 23, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

THURSDAY,
December 31, 1920, commencing at
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No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of
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stands, etc., (fumed Teakwood), Side-
boards, Dinner Wascrons, Extension Din-
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Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, etc., Bath
Room Cisterns, Electric-Plated Warr,
Electric Reading Lamps, Teakwood
Screens, Sandry Blackwood Furniture,
Slide Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures,
Carpets, etc.

Also
American Ice Chest, Enamelled Bath,
several lots Tennis Balls, etc., and a
quantity of Cut-glass.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, December 23, 1920.

(For Account of the Concerned),

WEDNESDAY,
January 5, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.,
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Godown, Praya East,
About 600, 100 to 125 Volts, D.C.
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including 12-in., 16-in. desk and bracket
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Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

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Messrs. Lane Crawford,
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"Club Lasciano,"
"Engineers Institute,"
"Victoria Recreation Club,"
"Kowloon Cricket Club,"
"Kowloon Bowling Club,"
"Peak Club,"
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"Craigewood Club."

M. J. BREEN,
Hon. Secretary,
War Memorial Committee.
Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST- MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

LOST

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No.
1603 for Two Shares numbered
46191/46192 standing in the Register
in the name of LEE YUE SAM
(deceased) late of Hongkong having
been LOST.—NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that unless said Certificate
be produced at the office of the Com-
pany, 5 Queen's Road Central, Victoria
Hongkong, on or before the 5th day of
January, 1921, a new Certificate for
the said shares will be issued and the old
Certificate will thereafter be held by the
Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 3, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of
the letting by Public Auction Sale, to
be held on TUESDAY, the 28th day
of December, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the
Office of the Public Works Department,
by Order of His Excellency the Governor,
of One Lot of CROWN LAND below
Black's Link, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 75 years, with the
option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the
King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of the lot	Boundary Measurements	Area in S. A. P.	Area in S. A. P.	Area in S. A. P.	Area in S. A. P.
1	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
2	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
3	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
4	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
5	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
6	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
7	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
8	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
9	115 ft. by 125 ft.	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375
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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5
of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of
PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY,
the 25th and MONDAY the 27th instant.
Hongkong, December 23, 1920.

G. R.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

HOLIDAYS.

THIS Office will be entirely CLOS-
ED on SATURDAY, the 25th
December, 1920, and 1st January, 1921.
It will be open for all purposes till noon
on MONDAY, the 27th December, 1920.

Licensed Warehouses will be
entirely CLOSED on those dates.

C. W. BECKWITH,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, December 23, 1920.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL

THE completion of the Ball Room
Extension has increased the
Dance Floor capacity to 6,000 Square
Feet.

DINNER DANCES

will be held at the above Hotel on the
following dates:—

TO-DAY

XMAS EVE, FRIDAY, 24th December,
1920.

BONING DAY, MONDAY, 27th De-
cember, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1920.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, 31st
December, 1920.

AND
NEW YEAR'S DAY, SATURDAY,
1st January, 1921.

HONGKONG HOTEL

DINNER DANCE

XMAS NIGHT, SATURDAY, 25th
December, 1920.

HONGKONG HOTEL

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY,

31st December, 1920.

THE attention of patrons is drawn to
the fact that the usual dance
will not be held at the Hotel on the
above date, as the entire accommodation
has been booked from 9.30 p.m. for
the "AT HOME" to be given by Lt.
Col. J. R. Wadham and Officers of the
2nd Battalion, The Duke of Edin-
burgh's (Westshire Regiment).
Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

NOTICE

HOLDERS of Temporary Bonds of
CREDIT NATIONAL 1919
LOAN are notified that these bonds
have to be exchanged in Paris against
definitive bonds before March 1921.
Customers having subscribed through
our Branch can apply to our office for
exchange of the said Bonds.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency.
Hongkong, December 14, 1920.

NOTICE

WE have THIS DAY removed our
office to the first floor of No.
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SANG LEE & Co.
Building Contractors.
Hongkong, December 20th 1920.

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RAILWAYS invites sealed proposals of
bridge contractors for designing and
building a new steel bridge about 2,800
meters in length across the Yellow River
(Hwang-Ho). Proposals will be received
up to noon of June 30th, 1921, at
the office of Peking-Hankow Railway,
Peking, China, plans, rules, and
specifications can be obtained from the
following offices:

Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway,
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GOVERNMENT OF

PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC

MINISTRY FOR THE

COLONIES.

DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMATIC,
GEOGRAPHICAL AND NAVAL
SERVICE.

"Fangim" ex "Nunantia"—
"Damao" ex "Brisbane"—"India"
ex "Vorwarts"—"Goa" ex "Marien-
fels"—"Diu" ex "Lichtenfels."

It is hereby informed to the Con-
signees, either of the allied or neutral
nations, who had goods on board of
the above steamers:—

"THAT according to the terms of
the DECREE No. 6993 dated 1st
October of the present year, they
may put up their claims to recover
the balances of sums due to them
being proceeds of goods sold or com-
mandeered, which formed parts of
shipments of the above steamers,
within the period of six months, com-
mencing from the 1st October of the
current year.

The claims should be accompanied
by the following documents:—

(a) Application by the Concerned or
by his legal representative.

(b) Certificate of nationality of the
Concerned issued by his respec-
tive Consul.

(c) Bill of Lading duly countersigned
if it is necessary.

(d) Power of Attorney of the Owner
of the goods if the claim is not
to be filed by himself stating the
person to whom the amount due
should be paid either in Portu-
guese or British India.

(e) Discharged and acquitted in-
voices proving that the cost of
the goods has been duly paid to
the sellers.

(f) Letter of Guaranty as per terms
of the DECREE No. 3,800, dated
28th January of 1918 if it is
necessary.

This certificate is only applicable
when the payments are to be made
under "Bonds," which should be
given by the respective Government
of the Concerned assuming the
responsibility for the payment.

In case the Concerned are not able
to appear personally, they should
grant Power of Attorney to an in-
dividual or firm of well known stand-
ing either in Portuguese or British
India for the purpose to sign all the
necessary documents relating to the
collection of what is due to them.

All the documents above men-
tioned should be stamped and with their
respective translations attached to,
under the terms of Portuguese laws,
and "vises" by the respective con-
sular authorities.

The Attorneys of the Claimants
both in Portuguese and British India
must be qualified so that they may
be able to solve any difficulties that
may be raised during the course of
proceedings for default in non-com-
pliance with any legal requirement.

All the claims followed by the way
as above mentioned should be for-
warded to:—

DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC, GEO-
GRAPHICAL AND NAVAL
SERVICE MINISTRY FOR
THE COLONIES.

CLAIMS LISBON (PORTUGAL)

Those Consignees who had already
presented their claims at the Office
of the Attorney General of the
Republic in GOA (Portuguese India),
and not having yet been accorded
with a dispatch for completion of
documents or for they having not
been legally done, may still
be allowed to rectify those
faults and irregularities by
themselves or by their attorneys
within the six months as above stated.

Those Consignees who had taken
delivery of their goods under "Bonds"
or against cash deposit, may—by the
sanction of the Office of the Attorney
General in GOA (Portuguese India)—
recover their deposits or get those
"Bonds" cancelled as soon as they
are able to produce those legal
documents that were short or
having complied with the legal for-
malities required, non-fulfilment
thereof was the cause of the require-
ment of those deposits and "Bonds".

At the expiration of the period of
the six months aforesaid, the settle-
ments will be made of those claims
legally recognised, in BOMBAY and
in GOA, for that purpose notices
will be duly published.

DEPARTMENT OF THE DIPLOMA-
TIC, GEOGRAPHICAL AND NAVAL
SERVICE FOR THE MINISTRY for
the COLONIES in Lisbon; 2nd October,
1920.

(Signed) ERNESTO DE VASCON-
CELLOS
Capt. M.G.

It is correct.

Department of the Diplomatic,
Geographical and Naval Service, 2nd
October, 1920.

(Signed) PAULO DE MOURA
COUTINHO ALMEIDA
DECA
Capt.

In charge of the Service.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOTO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"SIBERIA MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONO- LULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer, having
arrived on Wednesday, the 22nd Dec.,
1920, consignees of cargo are hereby
notified to present their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature, and take immediate
delivery from alongside steamer or the
Company's Godown, where all cargo
impeding immediate discharge will be
landed at consignee's risk.

Storage will be assessed on
cargo remaining undelivered after
Wednesday, the 23rd December, 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged pack-
ages will be landed into the Company's
Godown, where same will be examined on
Thursday, the 30th December 1920, at
11 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after
goods have left the steamer or Godown, and
none will be entertained if presented
later than three weeks after arrival
of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be
effected.

Y. TEUTSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

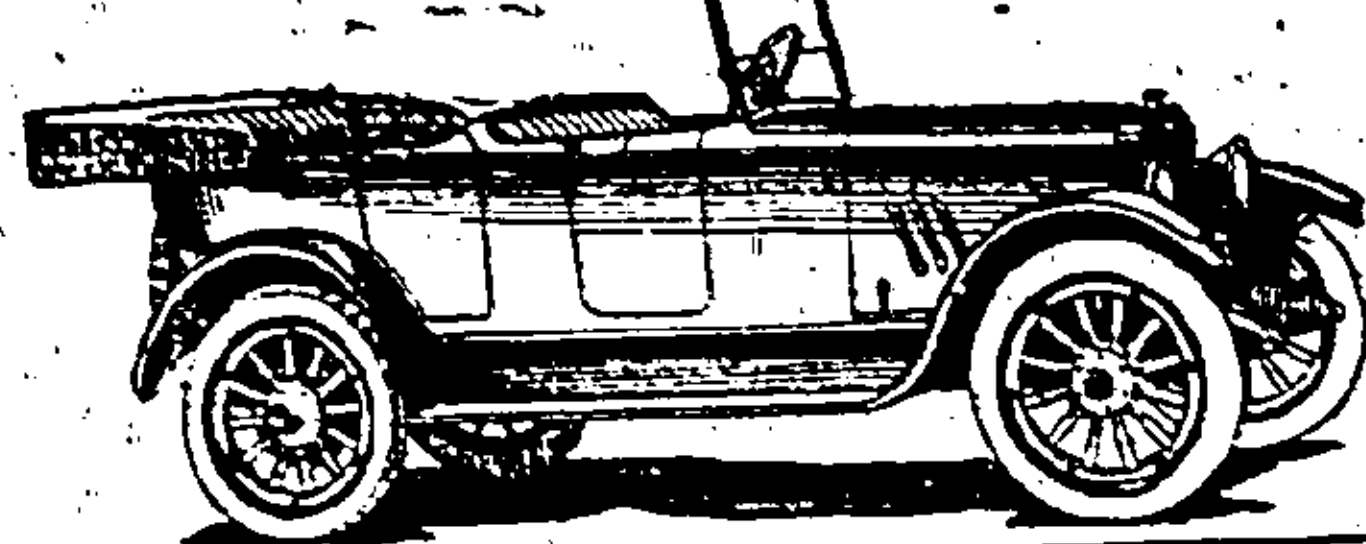
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

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MAIN BRANCH: 230
SHOW ROOM: 230
BRANCH: 230
WEST POINT BRANCH: 154
WELL STREET: 230

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

£20,000 DAMAGE.

MARINE ENGINES DESTROYED.

KOWLOON DOCK MATCHED GUTTED.

Damage estimated at £20,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in a matchbox in the Kowloon Docks last night.

Although the members of both the Hongkong and the Kowloon Brigades, the latter with their engines, assisted the fire boats, the flames could not be checked and the structure was completely gutted.

Marine internal combustion oil engines, in their packing cases, stored in the matchbox by the Asiatic Petroleum Company were damaged to an estimated extent of £20,000.

The cause of the outbreak is at present a mystery.

SPORT.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY V. CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent the University in the above Friendly Match to be played on the University Ground on Monday, 27th inst. at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—D. K. Samy (Capt.), K. S. Cheah, C. H. Yeoh, S. H. Onz, K. Lee, T. O. Yeow, E. H. Lim, M. K. Yee, M. B. Osman, H. M. Soo and W. Yuen.

UNITED SERVICES V. HONGKONG.

What promises to be a very interesting game of cricket has been arranged for Boxing Day between teams representing the United Services and Hongkong. The following have been chosen to play for the Services:—Lt. Franks, R.N. (Capt.), Lt. Com. Greig, R.N., Com. Stanley, R.N., Rev. Purcell, R.N., Lt. Stewart, R.N., Lt. Com. Drew, R.N., Capt. Davies, R.G.A., Capt. Oliver, R.G.A., Major Baginall, R.G.A., Lt. Graham, R.G.A., Major Edwards, R.F.

GRAND CHARITY MATCH.

CIVILIAN V. SERVICES.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Football Association a grand charity match has been arranged for Monday, December 27, at 4 p.m., on the Club ground. The match will be between two teams representative of the civilian teams of the Colony and of all the Service teams playing in any league.

Civilian Team—Roger (Club), Wheeler (Kowloon), and Chan So (South China), of Lung Yuktong (S.C.A.), Forbes (Police), and McPhail (Club); Hamilton (Club), MacAvish (Club), Captain, Robertson (Police), J. Clark (Police), and Evelyn (Kowloon).

R.H.K. GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CLUB DRAW.

Following is the draw for the Play Off of those who qualified for the Captain's Cup 1920:—W. D. Krait (3) v. R. M. Smith (Scr.), F. S. Harris (4) v. H. G. Bagnall (Scr.), "Bye" T. R. Chassels (8) v. P. T. Kilgour (12), "Bye" F. Maitland (11) v. F. A. Dinsdale (14) N. L. Smith (7) v. D. Reid (18) D. J. Valentine (5) v. J. E. Warner (5).

18 holes. Match Play over Old Course, Fanning, 2 of difference between above stated handicaps.

1st and 2nd Rounds to be completed by 17th January.

Semi-Final Rounds to be completed by 24th January.

Final Rounds to be completed by 31st January.

Services Team—Green (Wills), Barrett ("Carleton"), and Edwards ("Hawkins"); Wilson ("Curlew"), Sargent ("Ambrose"), Captain, and Henwood (R. G. A.); Savage ("Ambrose"), Downs ("Ambrose"), Cook ("Curlew"), Webster ("Carleton"), and Amor (Wills).

The Civilian team will play in white and the Services team in blue. The proceeds will go to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

HOLIDAY SEASON.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

HOW HONGKONG WILL SPEND THE HOLIDAYS.

To-morrow is Christmas Day. Generally throughout the Colony, the Christmas holiday begins this afternoon and lasts until Tuesday. Every one said good-bye to his office to-day, with the knowledge that he had three clear days ahead. Christmas Day, Sunday, and Boxing Day, in which he would be free—and promptly set out to forget office and business in the festivities which the season offers.

Judging by present indications, it looks like a fine Christmas. First of all is the fact that the calendar has been considered enough to arrange things in such a manner that a three-days holiday is provided. It doesn't do this every year. And then there is the weather. Who could ask for a finer day than this?

Santa Claus is likely to get into difficulties if he tries to come to Hongkong tonight in the way he seems to prefer to come, whirling through a snow storm with a great tinkling of sleigh bells. There will be no snow storm. Instead, it promises to be a moonlight night, bright as crystal, and just cool enough for a comfortable stroll. To those who have been accustomed to Christmas Days in the North, with their snow and cold, it will be a novel experience to spend a Christmas in Hongkong, with its temperate weather and its wealth of rich green foliage. But Christmas is Christmas, whether there be snow or tropical heat, and Santa Claus is used to adapting himself to circumstances. At any rate, he is sure to come probably in a mother-of-pearl airship, with the moonlight glistening on its iridescent wings.

And then there are the various attractions offered by the hotels and places of amusement, and the many opportunities for enjoyment tendered by the unrivalled facilities of the island—all to enable the pleasure-seeker to extract the most out of his holiday.

Chief among the special functions arranged for the holiday season are the dinner dances at the Hongkong Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel. To-night (Christmas Eve) and Monday night (Boxing Day) there will be dinner dances at the Repulse Bay Hotel that promise to be brilliant affairs. The hotel has recently enlarged its dance floor, until now it has a dancing area of 6,000 square feet. It is without question the most charming dancing spot in the East.

These nights, with the moonlight shining on the hills and lighting up the bay with silver fire, the hotel and setting are doubly beautiful. Similarly, in all the world there are few motor drives as gorgeous in scenery as the drive out to the hotel. The dinner dances to-night and Monday night will be special occasions, which means that every possible provision will be made by the hotel to insure that visitors will be excellently entertained.

To-morrow night (Christmas Day) there will be a big dinner dance at the Hongkong Hotel. Judging by the number of table reservations, the hotel will be crowded to capacity. It goes without saying that the hotel has made all sorts of extra arrangements to take care of its large patronage, and the indications are that the function will be quite the largest and gayest of its kind that Hongkong has ever witnessed.

For the convenience of the public, especially with regard to the heavy travel that may be expected between the city and Repulse Bay Hotel, announcement is made by the Capt. Superintendent of Police that the usual restrictions on motor traffic between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. will be removed to-night, to-morrow night, Monday night, and the night of December 31.

Another opportunity of entertainment that is bound to bring pleasure to a large number will be Bostock's Royal Italian Circus, which will open to-morrow at Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, for a short season. There will be two performances a day, at 5 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. It brings a number of old favourites, and many new performers who have been spoken of highly, and everything indicates that it will be a first-class exhibition.

Both the Coronet and Hongkong Theatres will have special Christmas shows at convenient hours. At the Coronet there will be performances to-day, to-morrow, and Monday at 2.30, 5, 7.15, and 9.15 p.m.

and on Sunday at 5 and 9.15 p.m. The pictures it has for its Christmas showing are Harold Lloyd, supported by Mildred Davies, in "Haunted Spooks," and Tom Moore and Mae Marsh in the Cinderella Man. In addition there will be the Coronet Review.

Many people will take advantage of the superb opportunities for outdoor enjoyment to take sailing cruises among the islands, hunting trips in the New Territories, and long walks over the hill roads on the island of Hongkong. The weather at this time of the year is generally ideal for all three diversions.

Others will go to Canton and Macao for the holidays. Both trips are easily and comfortably made, and offer splendid opportunities for entertainment. Canton is proving especially popular as a place to visit at Christmas, all the boats being booked to capacity.

There will be special Christmas services on Christmas Day, as well as on Sunday, in the Churches. To-morrow at St. John's Cathedral there will be Holy Communion at 6.45 and 7.45 a.m.; Matins at 11; and Holy Communion at noon; while on Sunday there will be Holy Communion at 7.50 a.m.; Matins at 11; Litany at noon; and Evensong with special Christmas music at 6 p.m. At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

A Christmas Eve service will be held this afternoon at 5.30 at St. Peter's Church, West Point. To-morrow and Sunday there will be Christmas Communion at 8 a.m. and Sung Eucharist and Procession at 11. Military Services will be held by the Church of England on both days at various places and hours, and the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, also will hold a Christmas Day Service at 10.15 a.m., besides its Sunday services.

Monday (Boxing Day) will be given up to sport, and the Happy Valley grounds no doubt will be crowded. The principal features of the day will be the Grand Charity

football match at Happy Valley, Services vs. Civilian, in aid of St. Dunstan's home for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, and the Cricket match, United Services vs. Hongkong, at the Hongkong Club Grounds.

Caught in the act of carrying away a pump and a spanner from the Central Fire Station yesterday, a Chinese caused some amusement in Court this morning when he attempted to meet a charge of theft with a pretence of insanity. He was not convincing enough, however, to prevent Magistrate Smith from sending him to jail for one month.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, December 23rd.

Lord Robert Cecil, who was South African representative in Geneva, interviewed by Reuters at his home in Sussex where he is recuperating from a slight indisposition after his labours in the League of Nations, expressed the opinion that the most important decision of the Assembly of the League was the creation of the International Court of Justice. Its future depended entirely on the personal views of the judges. A number of States had already agreed to refer minor international disputes to the court, whose jurisdiction was, therefore, already largely compulsory. Next in importance came the admission of the new States into the League. It was a good augury for the future reconstitution of the world that the ex-enemy countries Austria and Bulgaria were admitted unopposed. The question of the admission of Germany would be determined on the principles laid down in the case of Bulgaria, namely, whether she was sincere in her intention of observing her international obligations.

The Assembly's recommendations regarding disarmament were most valuable. If they were carried out, a far-reaching proposal was that a civilian commission should be appointed to sit with the existing military commission to make suggestions for the limitation of armaments, while the recommendation to ratify the Arms Trade Conventions, signed in Paris, last year, should provide a real check to the sale of arms. These Conventions would almost be effective, but for "the unaccountable action of the United States in declining to be bound by them."

As regards the economic blockade, a simple machinery had been devised by which the Secretary-General would notify to the Council should there be any occasion for its use, in order to secure members immediately breaking all political and economic relations with the Covenant-breaking State.

Considerable progress was made with the question of mandates. The Council settled for a permanent mandates commission to which all reports from the mandatory powers would be sent. The Mandates Commission would consist of nine members, five from non-mandatory States for individual competences. Further, the Council settled "C" mandates, namely, the Pacific Islands and South-West Africa, but "A" and "B" mandates were not settled, though it is understood that the draft mandates were before the Council. Lord Robert Cecil expressed the opinion that it was most desirable that these drafts should be published forthwith, in order that the world might know and criticize the proposals. The "B" mandates would be nearly identical as their provisions were closely defined in the Covenant, but the "A" mandates for ex-Turkish possessions in Asia, which were based on independent native Governments, advised by the mandatory, would be entirely different considerations. There were certain difficulties as regards "A" mandates, but the sooner they were published the sooner would the difficulties disappear. Lord Robert Cecil emphasized the fact, in this connection, that if the Council wanted public support, it must ensure greater publicity.

The question of the League's finances occupied much time of the Assembly. A number of smaller nations, including the Dominions, advanced the legitimate grievance that they had to bear a disproportionate share of the expenses. Lord Robert Cecil declared that the standard would undoubtedly be changed as, or before, the next Assembly, on the terms that any change made should be agreed to. Much criticism was also levelled at the League's expenditure, but this was unavailing. The League was costing £1,000,000 annually, and the cost was spread over 42 States, which was a small premium for insurance against war, but a large proportion of the money came from the British Empire, the smaller part of which paid much too large a share. Even so, this was infinitesimal compared to the cost of war.

Lord Robert Cecil concluded that it was little short of a miracle that 42 countries had been brought in close co-operation on equal terms in so short a time. Their daily meetings had already resulted in an immense number of national misunderstandings. The Assembly, he declared, had been an unqualified success, this view point justifying the increased confidence in the future of the League.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Mr. Lloyd George, presiding at the House of Commons luncheon to the Dominions' delegates, to the General Assembly of the League of Nations said that much had already been accomplished by the League. It had raised the status of labour throughout the world. Its most conspicuous work was the establishment of the International Court of Justice, but the League would not achieve real progress till all the nations were represented in it. He believed that Germany desired to carry out her treaty obligations. There would be no obstacle to her admission if she made her desire quite manifest. He was most hopeful that America would join. This was essential, because disarmament was impossible until all the nations were in the League. He congratulated the representatives of the Empire on the prominent part they had played in the first Assembly of the League of Nations.

Mr. Lloyd George coupled the toast of the delegates with the name of Sir George Foster, of Canada, and regretted the absence of Mr. Millen and Lord Robert Cecil.

Replying to the toast, Sir George Foster said that two things specially marked the deliberations of the Assembly, firstly, the unity of purpose, for the great unity of minds of all the delegates was to carry out the principles of the League; and, secondly, sanity of judgment in the proceedings. There was not a shadow of difference between the delegations as regards the inclusion of every nation in the League. He concluded that as a result of the General Conference the position of the Empire was stronger to-day than it has ever been.

ALLIED PREMIERS.

The next conference of the Allied Premiers will be held in Nice in the first week in January. The questions to be discussed include reparations and the situation in Greece and in the East.

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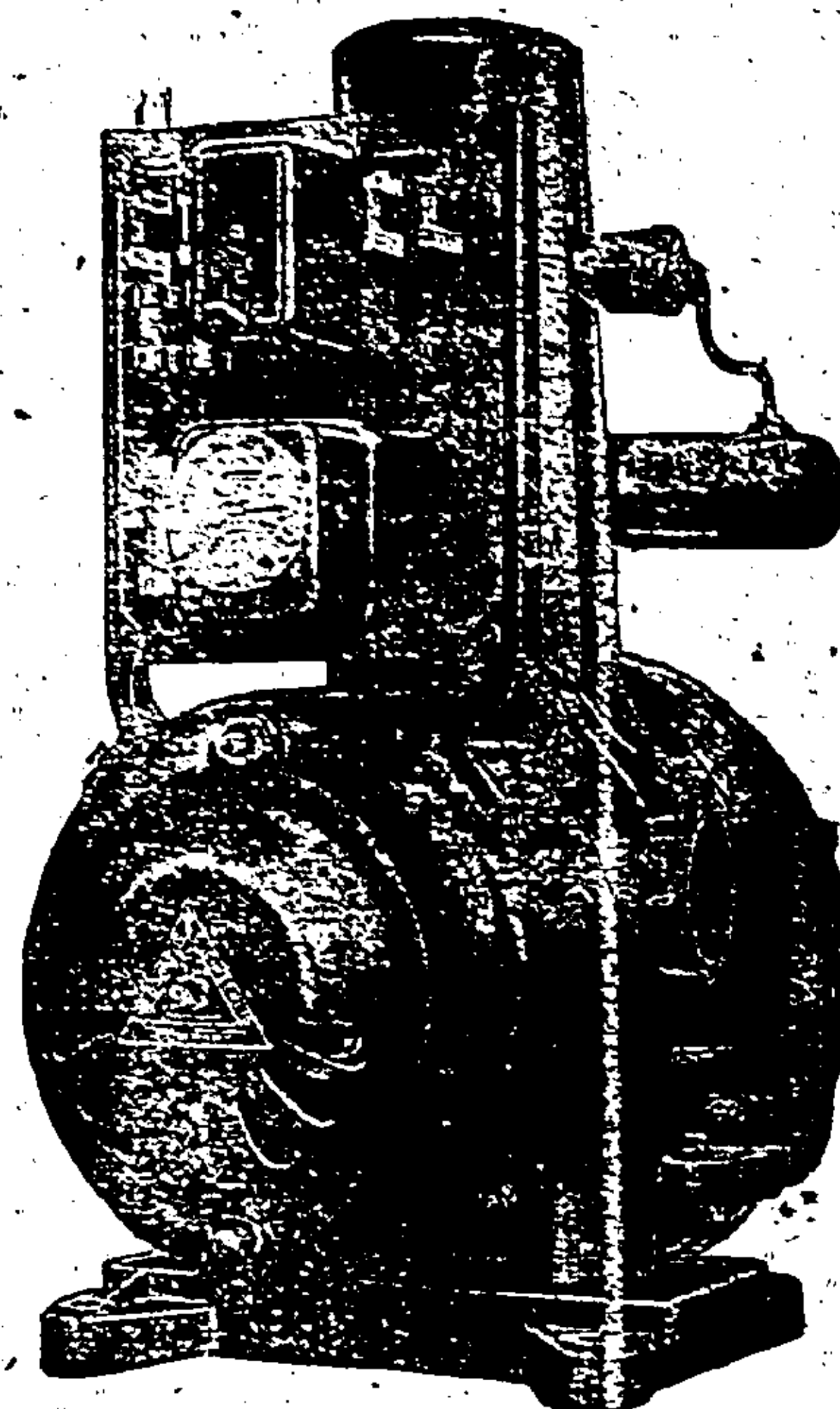
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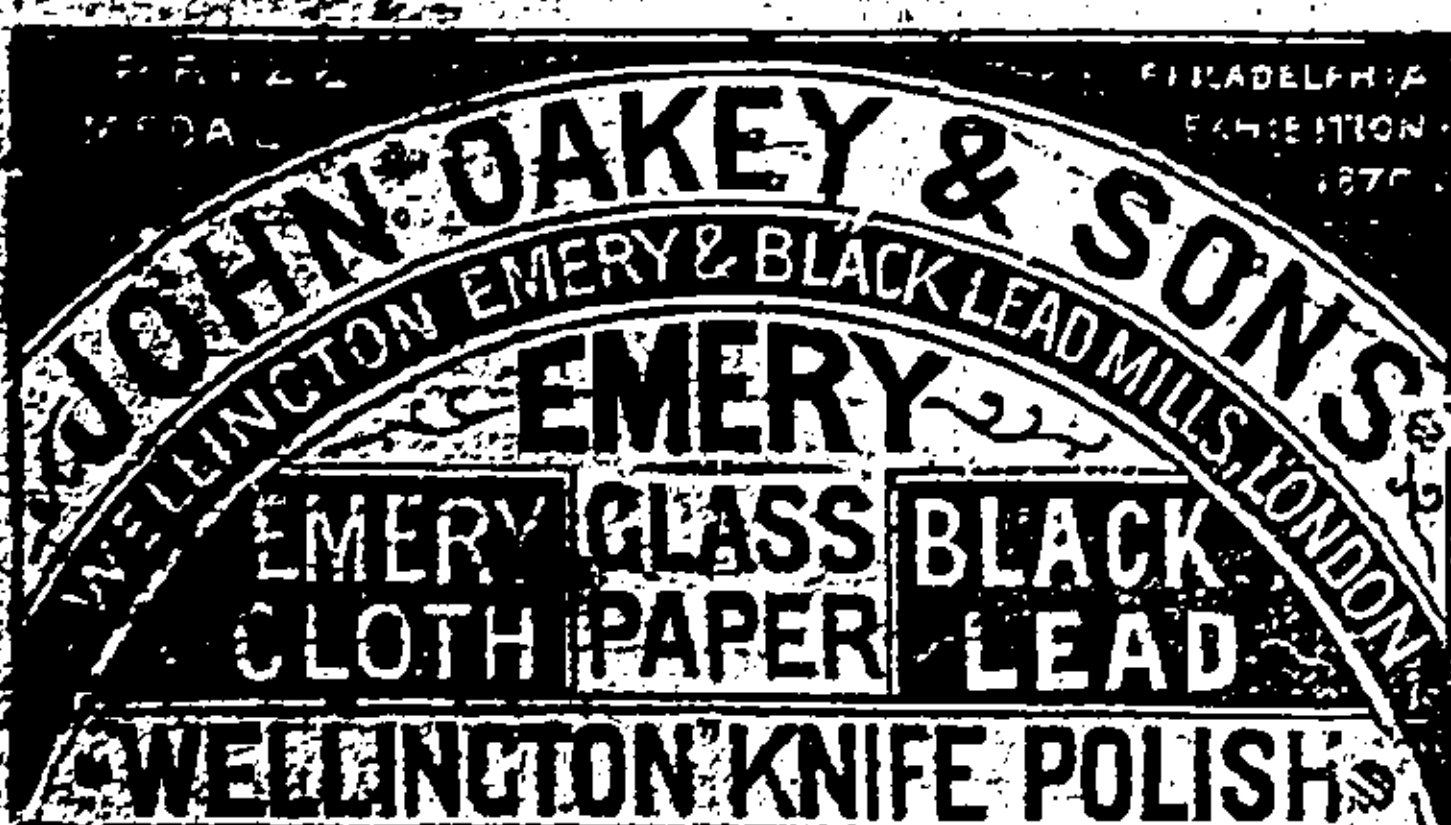
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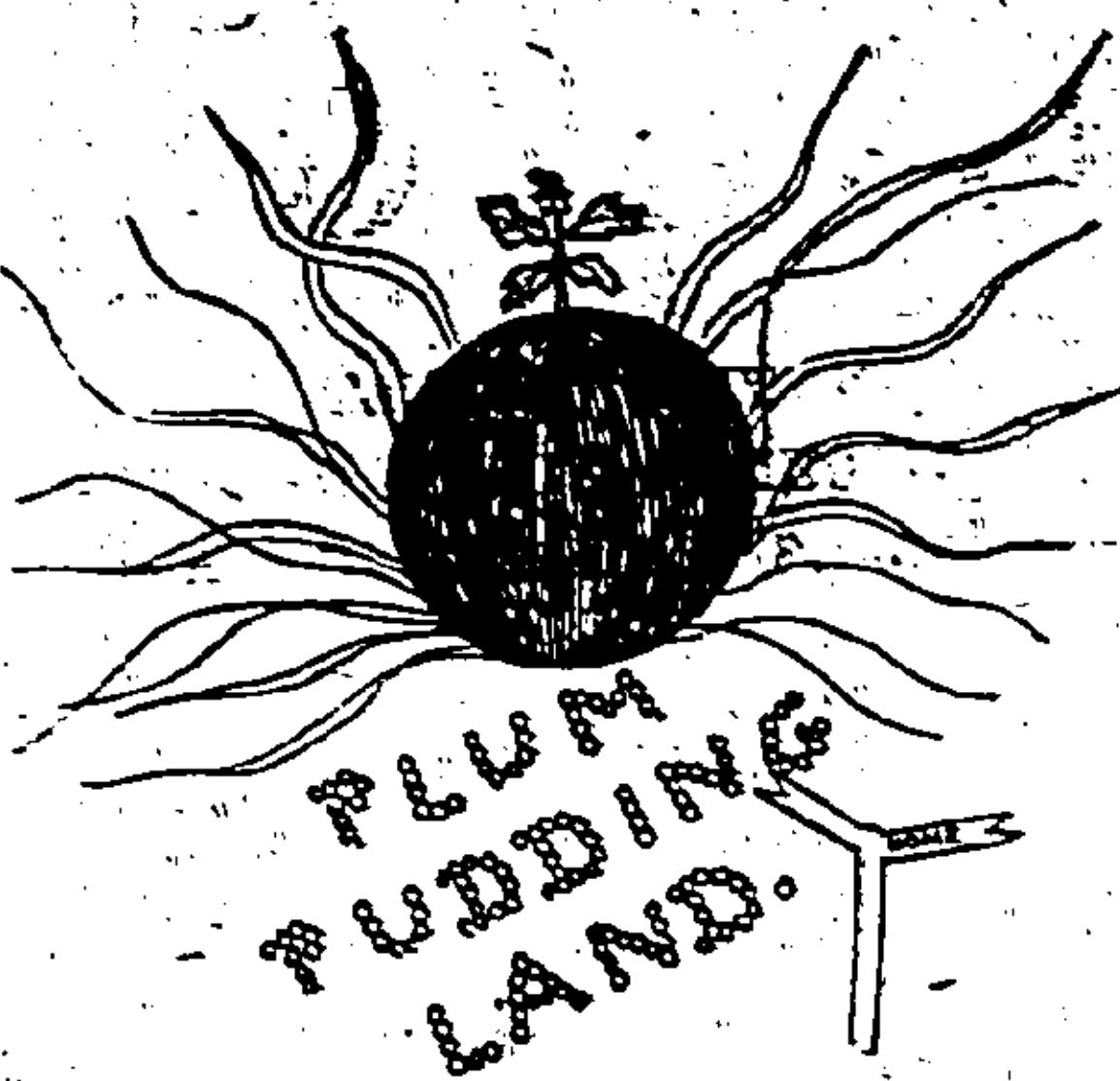
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full of surprises.

Then, after breakfast, she and her
three brothers and sisters helped
their mother to decorate the rooms
with holly and mistletoe and after
that they went to church.

They were all hungry when they
came home again and were quite
read to eat the big turkey. After
that the room was made dark and
the plum pudding was brought in,
all on fire, and everyone cried
"Hurrah!"

Later on, in the afternoon, the
whole family was called into the
drawing room. In the middle of the
room was a huge Christmas tree,
covered with shiny balls and orna-
ments and long chains of glittering
tinsel and there were heaps of lighted
candles too.

Piled up on the floor round the
tree were parcels of all sizes, some
big and some tiny, and you can
imagine the excitement of undoing
them all.

Mary was very tired at the end
of the day and as soon as she was
in bed she shut her eyes and fell fast
asleep. And in the twinkling of an
eye she was in Dreamland and this
is what she saw.

She stood at the side of a road and
there was a signpost near by where
the road divided into two. This sign-
post had two arms. On one was
written "This way to Plum Pudding
Land" and on the other "This is
the way home again to-morrow."

"Why I thought that I was at
home now," said Mary to herself.
"But at any rate Plum Pudding Land
sounds nice. I'll go that way."

So off she went down the road
which was made all of almonds and
raisins fitting into one another like
paving stones. There was a high
hedge of holly on each side, so high
that it was impossible to see over it
and it was much too prickly to climb.
It was rather dark, too, until she
turned a corner. Then there was a
sudden blaze of light.

"Whatever can it be?" thought
Mary and then she saw in front of
her a huge plum pudding on a big
white dish, which was covered with
flames. She heard someone sing-
ing:

"Come along, come this way,
On this bright Xmas Day.
The pudding is ready,
So one, two, three, steady,
Jump over the flames.

And join in our games.
The door opens wide,
Come now, come inside."

And then she saw that ever so
many tiny fairies were playing in the
fire, peeping each other with the
flames and laughing and dancing
with glee.

The next minute a door opened
in the side of the plum pudding.
Some of the fairies ran inside and
three or four came up to Mary,
holding out their hands and calling
out, "Come, come quickly. In two
minutes the door will shut again!"

"But I can't possibly jump over
those big flames," cried Mary.

"Oh yes, you can get over easily
enough," said one of the fairies.
"What have you in your pocket?"

"Why a spoon!" answered Mary,
feeling in her pocket. "What a
queer thing to find there."

"Not at all," replied the fairy.
"You never know what you may
find in your pocket. But now come
along. Cut a path for yourself and
then you will soon reach the door."

"Oh I see," said Mary, and she
scraped up the flames and threw
them on one side and in a minute
was at the door of the plum pudding.

"Well done, Mary," she heard
some tiny voices saying and about
twenty currants, with twinkling
black eyes and neat little black coats
came hurrying to meet her.

Mary looked all round and thought
that she had never seen such a queer

place. The walls were black and so
was the floor and it was so soft that
her feet sank in it. There were heaps
of little windows of all sizes and
shapes made of bits of candy
peel. Currants and raisins and
sultanas were running and dancing
all over the room, turning somersaults
and laughing so much that one or
two cracked down their sides, but it
did not seem to hurt them.

In one corner were a number of
beds made of suet and on these, with
their heads on flour pillows, lay some
tired looking sultanas.

"Who are those please?" Mary
enquired of a jolly looking currant,
who came frisking along.

"Did you speak to me?" he
answered. "My name is Plump and
except at this time of the year I be-
long to the Bun Family. How do you
do?" And he stretched out a fat
black hand.

"How do you do," said Mary
politely, shaking hands. "I was
asking you who those people are in
bed."

"Oh those," Plump replied in a
whisper. "They are very old and
got into this place by mistake so we
thought that the best thing to do was
to put them to bed out of the way."

"Of course," Mary agreed. "It
wouldn't do to let old sultanas. It
might make children ill to eat."

She broke off hastily as she re-
membered that she was speaking to
a currant.

"That's all right," Plump said with
a broad grin. "No one really eats
plum puddings though they may
think they do."

"Whatever do you mean?" asked
Mary in a surprised tone of voice.

"Well it's like this," Plump went
on. "But sit down while I tell you
all about it."

"Thank you," said Mary, and
she sat down on a comfortable apple
bench which was near by.

"I know that most people imagine
that they eat plum pudding," con-
tinued Plump. "But it is all a mis-
take. To begin with it is much too
rich and would upset everybody if
they did eat it. At Christmas time
there are hundreds and thousands of
tiny fairies flying about who are
called the Spirits of Enjoyment. No-
body can see them but people do
sometimes hear them whispering close
by their ears."

When the plum puddings are put
on the table these Spirits are waiting
close by with invisible baskets and
when anyone is going to put a spoon-
ful of pudding in his mouth they
snatch it away and afterwards take
it back to Plum Pudding Land, ready
for the next Christmas."

"But I am sure I have tasted plum
pudding!" cried Mary in surprise.

"Oh no, you haven't really," re-
plied Plump. "The Spirits of En-
joyment sometimes put a piece of
pretending pudding in its place and
that is called 'Sugar and Spice and
all that's nice' and it is a very good
pudding indeed."

Just then Mary heard a great com-
motion and when she looked round
she saw that there was someone
trying to fight his way through a
number of currants who were sur-
rounding him.

"I don't want to leave this nice
warm place," she heard a silvery
voice saying. "I am going to hide
and no one is to stop me. Let me
go I say!"

"Why whoever is it?" Mary
asked Plump.

"It's only Thimble," he answered.
Every year there is this same trouble.
First of all he grumbles because he
says that the pudding sticks to him
and spoils his bright coat. Then he
says that he does not want to leave
this warm place and that he will not
be put on a cold plate. And then—
naughty boy—he says that whoever
finds him is sure to wash him and
that he hates being washed. You
see he rather fancies himself because
he has a fine silver coat and leads a
lazy and comfortable life as a rule,
spending most of his time in silk-
lined workbaskets."

At that minute Thimble began to
scream louder than ever, but he
stopped at once when a sprig of
holly with an angry red face came
along.

"What is all this fuss about Thim-
ble?" asked the holly, and Plump
whispered to Mary "Holly is the
Head of Pudding Land, and always
takes the top place, so now he will
put things all right again."

"If you please," My Lord Holly
Berry," said Thimble in a much
quieter voice, "I was going to hide
because I do not want to leave this
beautiful land for the Cold Place

Country. May it please Your Majes-
ty to allow me to remain in the warm
spot?"

"Oh that is the trouble, is it?"
Lord Holly Berry replied, looking
less annoyed. But you know, Thimble,
that it is a boon which at this time
of the year is not possible to grant.
However, there must be peace and
quiet here. Call Lady Ring," he
added, turning to Plump.

Plump bowed and ran off as fast
as his fat little legs would carry him.
In less than two seconds he was
back again, leading by the hand a
slender golden ring, with a bright
happy face which it did one good to
see.

"My Lord," said Golden Ring, "I
am here at your request."

Very good," Lord Holly Berry
went on, smiling graciously at her.
Will you help me this year by stay-
ing in the same place as Thimble and
keeping each other company?"

"Of course, My Lord," Golden
Ring replied. "I will do what you
wish." Then turning to Thimble
she took him by the hand and said,
"Come dear friend, we will find a
comfortable spot where we can sit
and talk together, and if we have to
wander off to Cold Place Land we
will go together and so will not be
lonely."

"I do not mind at all if you are
with me, Golden Ring," Thimble said
in a sweet voice and off they went
hand in hand.

"That is one difficult matter set-
tled," Mary heard Lord Holly mutter
to himself. The next minute he
looked round and gave a loud cry of
"My people, it is nearly over!" and
all the currants, sultanas and raisins
began to run about faster than ever,
crying, "It's over! It's over! Quick—
let us enjoy ourselves up to the last
minute."

And they turned somersaults and
laughed and jumped about until
Mary, who seemed to be in the
middle of a whirling mass of them,
was quite giddy.

"But what is over?" she cried to
Plump, when she could make him
hear through all the din.

"Why Christmas Night of course,"
Plump shouted in her ear. "All our
fun is finished for this year."

"But how do you know that?"
asked Mary.

"Look!" cried Plump, pointing to
the walls. "And see what is happen-
ing to you too. You are off to the
Really and Truly Land again."

Mary had only just time to see
that the candy peel windows were
dropping to bits and the flames were
streaming in, before she realised that
the apple bench on which she was
sitting was sinking down into the soft
black floor. Down, down she went
and she had to shut her eyes and
mouth tight because of the sticky
pudding.

When she opened her eyes once
more she was back in her own bed at
home.

PETER PAN.

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A loud noise and what people sometimes say when they stop to think in the middle of a sentence. Crack-cr.

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ERRLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

LONDON, December 23rd.—The Government's attitude towards the unemployment problem was emphasized in the House of Commons by Mr. Macdonald, who stated that the Government would watch the position daily to relieve hardship and secure an improvement in trade conditions. He said that in 1919, 1,400,000 civilians and 265,000 ex-Servicemen were unemployed on December 10th, as compared with 142,000 ex-Servicemen, 57,000 civilians, and 34,000 women at the end of August. The problem was accentuated by the fact that the Government had spent £15,000,000 on unemployment relief, but the men wanted work, not money. He described the proposals of the Government, which have been submitted to the building trade unions, for the admission of ex-Servicemen into the building trade. The new word rested with the trade unions.

The Committee appointed under the chairmanship of Lord St. Davids would assist the local authorities in schemes of work, in addition to the existing schemes of work and training. Parliament would be asked to grant the Committee £20,000,000. Preference would be given to ex-Servicemen. Short time would be introduced in government establishments.

Mr. Lloyd George pointed out that unemployment was a worldwide problem, and it was not only in Germany and the United States that it was a problem. The only possible solution was to be found in the restoration of the devastated areas. It was in 1919, he said, that the problem of the building trade unions, which he considered selfish, showed that it would take ten or twelve years to wipe out the arrears in house-building. If the trade unions decided to support the Government scheme, the Government would try to do it.

Referring to the cause of the depression, he said that our customers were insolvent, we were only selling to Europe a small proportion of what we were supplying before the war.

The Premier dwelt on the bad condition of Europe, and pointed out that until she recovered, the prospect was serious. He contended that if the scheme now being considered by Sir Robert Horne and the Chief-Businessmen to give work to the unemployed was carried out, it would be a most beneficial method of dealing with unemployment, than any amount of hand-making. China was also suffering from unemployment, and India also, because the monsoon had not been so good as last year. The world was a desolate place, and he said that the only way to deal with the problem was to give work to the unemployed.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

IRISH SITUATION.

LONDON, December 23rd.—Irish railwaymen, some of whom had struck seven months ago against assisting the transportation of munitions, troops, and police, have passed a resolution deciding to resume immediately.

The decision was reached after reading a letter from the Labour leader, Mr. Thomas, M.P., that a settlement must be completed, as the Government's intentions are quite definite that no settlement is possible except on the men's willing consent to carry all kinds of traffic.

LONDON, December 23rd.—The House of Commons has agreed to the amendments to the Home Rule Bill, which was returned from the House of Lords with one or two unimportant amendments.

Sir L. Worthington Evans emphasized the fact that Ireland was receiving self-government in a form consistent with the liberties both of South Ireland and North Ireland. An instrument was put into the hands of the Irish people which, he agreed between the two Irish Parliaments with the free consent of both the peoples, might be used to build a single Parliament representing a united nation, without any further legislation by the Imperial Parliament. It now remained for moderate and loyal Irishmen to prove mutual goodwill and the desire to act as good citizens of the Empire.

LONDON, December 23rd.—A party of armed men raised the Cork Post Office and held up the staff and the public with revolvers. The policeman on duty at the office fired on the raiders, killing one. Several persons were wounded. It is not yet known whether they were Irishmen or military subsequently searched the building and captured a wounded raider.

LONDON, December 23rd.—No further details of the battle at Mullinabreena have been received so far, beyond the official report which mentions that there were three separate encounters between the military and Sinn Féin, resulting as far as is known in 16 Sinn Féin casualties. One soldier was wounded. No mention is made of prisoners captured.

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA.

LONDON, December 23rd.—An authoritative statement as regards the Bolshevist propaganda, especially in the East, shows that Soviet Russia is still waging a remorseless anti-British campaign, particularly in Afghanistan, Persia, Trans-Caspian, Mesopotamia and India. The Bolshevist policy is being pursued on well-defined lines: firstly, thorough training of emissaries in Communist principles; secondly, emissaries are sent to prepare a revolution in the countries selected; and thirdly, the revolution is organized by secret societies in different guises, but all secret societies are directed from Moscow. Members of these societies are all armed as far as possible and bound by a solemn oath, the breaking of which means death.

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